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Meſſrs. W. and T. Bradford,

The following Copies of Letters lately received from London, being very intereſting to the Publick, we beg the Favour, that they may be made publick through your free and impartial Paper, which will oblige no ſmall Number of your Readers.

A Letter from John Hughes, Eſq; to the Commiſſioners of the Stamp-Office in London.

Gentlemen, *Philadelphia, October* 12, 1765.

HAVING been confined to my Bed twenty-five Days paſt, with a violent Diſorder, that was expected would have proved mortal, but thank God am now able to ſit up in Bed, I ſhall attempt to give you a Sketch of not only my own Conduct, but alſo that of the *Preſbyterians* and *Proprietary Party here, relative to the Stamp-Office.*

In May laſt I received Information, by a Letter from Dr. Franklin, that he had recommended me for chief Diſtributor of Stamps in this Province, and thus the Matter reſted until ſome Gentlemen to the Eaſtward received their Commiſſions; whereupon Mobs aroſe in ſeveral of the Eaſtern Provinces, and the Officers were obliged to reſign. But as a Prelude to the Deſtruction and Diſorder made by thoſe Mobs, the Printers in each Colony, almoſt without Exception, *ſtuffed* their Papers weekly for ſome Time before with the *moſt inflammatory Pieces* they could procure, and *excluded every Thing that tended to cool the Minds of the People*, theſe Meaſures they purſued until the *Preſbyterians* in particular *in every Colony* began to threaten the Stamp-Officers. And thoſe *Gentry* in this Province, about the Beginning of September, began to be very *noiſy*, and *ſome of them ſaid I ought to reſign*, I gave them for Anſwer, I had as yet no Commiſſion, and therefore could not reſign what I had not. However about the Middle of September it was reported that the Stamps would arrive in Captain Friend, who was then expected, and theſe *riotous Gentry* began to threaten they would deſtroy the Stamps as ſoon as they arrived. I therefore *being deſirous, as far as in me lay, to preſerve the Stamps*, wrote, on the 17th, the Letter [No. 1] to his Honour the Governor, but received no Anſwer, and as the Stamps did not arrive in Captain Friend, Matters reſted until October 2d, when I received the Paper [No. 2] being a Note from Captain William Dowell, a *Tool of the Party*, and therefore I wrote my Anſwer [No. 3] to Mr. Dickenſon, the Owner of the Ship, and on the next Day I wrote my Letter [No. 4] to his Honour the Governor, but received no Anſwer, and here Matters reſted until Saturday the 5th of October, when I received Information that the Ship with the Stamps was to come up to the Town that Day, and that a *Mob* would be collected by beating muffled Drums through the Streets, and ringing the State-Houſe and Church Bells muffled, which was accordingly done all the Afternoon, but at Two o'Clock the Poſt arrived with the Mail and Packet, and among other Things my Commiſſion, this the Party ventured to alledge, becauſe there was a large Packet for me: Accordingly the *Mob* collected, chiefly *Preſbyterians* and *proprietary Emiſſaries*, with the Chief Juſtice's, Mr. William Allen's Son at their Head, animating and encouraging the lower Claſs.

About Three o'Clock the following Perſons, viz. James Tilghman, Eſq; Attorney at Law, Meſſrs. Robert Morris, Charles Thompſon, Archibald M'Call, John Cox, and William Richards, Merchants, and Mr. William Bradford, Printer, came to me on a Deputation from a great Number collected at the State-Houſe, *to requeſt my Reſignation.* I anſwered it is true I now have my Commiſſion, but as two Gentlemen are bound for my Performance in the Sum of £. 5000, I could not reſign unleſs they would indemnify my Bail. Altercations on this Head took up near an Hour, *(LOW as I was)* and at laſt they ſaid, all that was expected of me was, that I would not put the Act in Execution in this Province, until his Majeſty's further Pleaſure was known, or until the Act ſhould be put in Execution in the neighbouring Colonies; *to this I thought proper to ſignify ſome Diſpoſition to comply*, BECAUSE *I had many Informations by my Friends, that the* MOB *intended to proceed to the laſt Extremities if I did not reſign:* Upon this the Deputation withdrew to conſult their Aſſociates, and at Six o'Clock I received the Paper [No. 5] being a peremptory Demand.—Thus the Matter reſted until Sunday Morning, when *having recovered my Spirits* a little from the Fatigue of that long Altercation aforeſaid, I looked over the Paper, and found it more poſitive than what had been mentioned the Day before, and therefore ſent for Mr. Charles Thompſon, one of the Deputation, and aſked him if they were ſincere the Day before, or whether they came to Wiredraw what they could firſt, and then force the Reſt, becauſe I obſerved the Paper ſent me, did not agree with the Propoſition made to me, he ſaid he was ſincere, and could only anſwer for himſelf. I replied, well Gentlemen, you muſt look to yourſelves, for this is a high Affair; he made Anſwer thus, I do not know, but hope it will not be deemed Rebellion.—Indeed, Sir, I KNOW NO OTHER NAME FOR IT. Well, ſays he, I know not how it may end, for we have not yet determined whether we will ever ſuffer the Act to take Place here or not, and took his Leave. On Monday Morning, at Ten o'Clock, the whole Deputation came, and I offered them the Paper [No. 6] and after ſome Conſultation among themſelves, they objected to their Names being inſerted; I ſaid, why ſure, Gentlemen, you have not done a Thing you are aſhamed to own. Not in the leaſt they ſaid, but there was no Neceſſity for their Names being inſerted, nor would they receive that Reſignation, whereupon I ſaid to Mr. Tilghman, come Sir, take the Pen and pleaſe yourſelf, for I ſee you are determined to be arbitrary; he then took the Pen and formed the Paper [No. 7] and when it was tranſcribing, I aſked them what they intended to do with the Stamps, as they had aſſumed the ſupreme Power in the Province. They then looked at one another for a while, and ſeemed ſomewhat confounded, but at laſt Mr. Tilghman replied, we did not come prepared to ſpeak to that Head; then another replied, let Mr. Hughes take Care of them, I anſwered, Gentlemen, that cannot be, as you have now fixed Matters, for was I to take the Stamps into my Care, I ſhould have your Party come about my Houſe and pull it down, and deſtroy both me and them. Well, ſays another, let the Governor take Care of them. Another then ſaid, perhaps, the Governor will call upon Mr. Hughes to put the Act in Execution; and when he declines, the Governor perhaps will appoint an Officer, and the Act may take Place.—Here a general Pauſe enſued, but at laſt one and all cried out, let us ſee who will dare put the Act in Execution upon the Governor's Appointment, we will take Care of that. By this Time the Paper [No. 7] was tranſcribed, and after I had ſigned it they went away to proclaim it to their Friends, and the next Day I wrote the Letter [No. 8] to the Governor, and received the underwritten verbal Anſwer by my Son.

My Health at this Time will not permit me to be more copious *on this very extraordinary Tranſaction*, what I have ſaid is ſufficient to inform you, Gentlemen, and the Lords Commiſſioners, that, UNLESS MY HANDS ARE STRENGTHENED, it will *never be in my Power to put the Act in Execution.*

Perhaps their Lordſhips and you, Gentlemen, may expect that the Governor will exert himſelf on the Occaſion, and ſtrengthen my Hands, but this will not happen, for on the Day that the *Mob* were collecting, and after the Drums began to beat, I am informed his Honour left the City, and preſently after the Attorney-General, who is Recorder of the City, left it alſo; whether the Mayor and Chief Juſtice were out of the City I cannot ſay, but this is certain, that no one Magiſtrate or publick Officer appeared abroad the whole Day to diſcourage the *Mob*, or to give the leaſt Aid or Protection. All therefore that I ſhall add on this Head, is, THAT IF EVER MY HANDS ARE STRENGTHENED SO AS IT WILL BE IN MY POWER TO DO MY DUTY AS CHIEF DISTRIBUTOR OF THE STAMPS, I SHALL NOT FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE DUTIES OF MY OFFICE IN THE STRICTEST MANNER, and this I hope will ſufficiently ſave my Securities in their Lordſhips and your Opinions, as it is now out of my Power to diſcharge my Duty *until the Face of Affairs are changed.*

In Paper [No. 7] you will obſerve the three Counties upon Delaware included in my Reſignation; the Reaſon of which was, that on Sunday the 6th of October, a Friend of mine privately ſent up a little Boy to inform me, that he had Reaſon to believe a *Mob was uniting* in thoſe Counties, and would ſoon be up at Philadelphia; this I knew would raiſe a ſecond *Mob* here, and therefore I did that to prevent it, and it has had the deſired Effect.

I am now to acknowledge the Receipt of a Letter from the Secretary of the Stamp-Office, and alſo a Bill of Lading for three Caſes and ſeven Packs of Stamps for this Province, excluſive of thoſe for New-Jerſey and Maryland; but there is *neither Invoice* nor *Bill of Parcels*, nor *any Account of the Prices* the Stamped Paper or Parchment is to be ſold at. I have ſeen a printed Paper, ſaid to be the Prices of the Stamps, &c. but as the Bill of Lading makes me liable to the Freight, I ſhould be glad to know *whether the Freight is included in thoſe printed Papers, or not.* If I had received the Stamps, I ſhould have been at a Loſs on the firſt of November how to proceed; but as Things now ſtand, *there is Time for my being fully informed*, and eſpecially with Reſpect to the *Invoice or Bills of Parcels*, without which it is impoſſible for me to *know what I am charged with at the Stamp-Office*, and *how far the Goods received agree with the Charge.*

I am further to inform you, that I received in the Packet ſent me by your Secretary, a Bond, which in his Letter he directed I ſhould execute before the Governor, or ſome other Perſon of Note, and ſend it back to the Stamp-Office, by the firſt Conveyance; *which I ſhould have punctually complied with* had I been in Health, and had not our *overruling Gentry*, the *Mob*, thought fit to direct otherwiſe.—However, I have the Bond in my Cuſtody, and WHENEVER THERE IS A PROSPECT OF CARRYING THE ACT INTO EXECUTION, *ſhall not fail to execute the Bond*, and tranſmit it to the Stamp-Office by the firſt Opportunity, and ALSO DO EVERY THING IN MY POWER, faithfully to diſcharge my Duty.

I am further to inform you, Gentlemen, that I am extremely obnoxious to the Governor and Men in Power, and that for no other Reaſon, than that I have conſtantly, while I have been in the Aſſembly, endeavoured to promote the King's Intereſt, and given Oppoſition to ſome favourite Schemes that tended to retard his Majeſty's Service.

I am alſo unfortunate enough to be particularly hateful to the Chief Juſtice, becauſe I have charged him in the Houſe of Aſſembly with being a Rebel, upon his ſaying, that "if "ever the Government was changed, we ſhould find the "King's little Finger heavier than the Proprietor's Loins." This Declaration he made in the Houſe of Aſſembly more than once, and I as often alledged, that his Allegation tended to alienate the Affections of the Subject from the King, and therefore was Treaſon, and that none but a Rebel would be guilty of it. I alſo am particularly hateful to the proprietary Party, BECAUSE *it was* MY INTEREST, ASSIDUITY *and* INFLUENCE *in the Houſe of Aſſembly, that enabled the Province to ſend Home Dr. Franklin to preſent our Petitions for a Change of Government from Proprietary to Royal*, which I hope is effected by this Time.

Since writing the above, I am informed that Benjamin Shoemaker, Eſq; who is one of the People called Quakers, and alſo an Alderman of this City, met with the Drummers as they were alarming the City, and took them to Task, requiring to know by what Authority they were endeavouring to raiſe a Mob? They anſwered, if he would go to the State-Houſe, he might know. He then aſked who ordered them to beat about the Streets? They ſaid they had their Orders from the Coffee-Houſe.—[*N. B. Kept by the before-mentioned Mr. Bradford.*] Mr. Shoemaker then forbid them to proceed any further, and ſaid he would go immediately to the Mayor and have them committed; they anſwered, they could get the Mayor's Orders when they pleaſed. But Mr. Shoemaker could not find the Mayor, nor any Officer to aſſiſt him, and therefore was obliged to deſiſt, leaſt he ſhould draw the *Mob* upon himſelf and Family, and ſo have his Houſe pulled down.

If *ſome Rule and Order* does not take Place in America, I am very ſure that every Perſon *who has been named to the Stamp-Office*, muſt leave North-America ſhortly, or they and their Families and Fortunes will fall a Sacrifice to the DELUDED POPULACE.

COMMON JUSTICE CALLS UPON ME TO SAY, THE BODY OF PEOPLE CALLED QUAKERS, SEEMED DISPOSED TO PAY OBEDIENCE TO THE STAMP ACT, and ſo do that Part of the *Church of England* and *Baptiſts* that *are not ſome Way under proprietary Influence.* But *Preſbyterians* and *proprietary Minions* ſpare no Pains to engage the DUTCH and LOWER CLASS of People, and render the Royal Government odious, but at the ſame Time profeſs great Loyalty to the beſt of Kings, and yet inſinuate, that his immediate Government is intolerable. If his Majeſty and his Miniſters knew the Pains taken by the proprietary Partizans, to give a wrong Bias to the Minds of his Majeſty's Subjects, I am confident they would not ſuffer the Powers of Government to remain ſix Months in the Hands of any Proprietor on the Continent. Neither ought the Powers of Government to be lodged in any private Perſon, it being diſadvantageous to both his Majeſty and Subjects.

I ſhall conclude with the following Obſervation, viz. *That if Great-Britain can or will ſuffer* SUCH KIND OF CONDUCT IN HER COLONISTS TO PASS UNPUNISHED, a Man need not be a Prophet, nor the Son of a Prophet, to ſee clearly, that *her Empire in North-America is at an End*, for I dare ſay theſe *mobing Gentry* will immediately proceed to other Extravagancies, as they will then begin to think their united Power irreſiſtable.

That God of his infinite Goodneſs may direct the Councils and Meaſures of his Majeſty and his Miniſters, to that which may be beſt for Great-Britain and North-America, is, and ſhall be, the conſtant Prayer of,

Gentlemen,

Your moſt obedient, and moſt humble Servant,

JOHN HUGHES.

[No. 1] *Philadelphia, September* 17, 1765.

" As great Riots and Diſturbances has happened in ſome of the neighbouring Colonies occaſioned by a Diſlike the People have to the Stamp-Act, and it being reported that the Stamped-Papers, &c. for the Province, may be expected in a little Time, and as his Majeſty's Revenue is deeply intereſted in the Preſervation thereof, I think it my Duty to acquaint you, that notwithſtanding of any Reports ſpread of my being named the Officer for this Province, that I have not received either Bond, Commiſſion, nor any other Information whatever, of my Appointment from the Stamp-Office, or the Lords of the Treaſury, and therefore I can have no Pretenſion whatever to take Charge of the Papers, ſhould they arrive. This Information I have thought neceſſary to give you, *that you* may take ſuch Meaſures in the Premiſes, as you ſhall think conſiſtent with your Duty and Judgment.

To the Honourable John Penn, Eſq; Lieut. Governor of Pennſylvania.

I am, Sir, Your moſt obedient Humble Servant,

JOHN HUGHES."

SIR, [No. 2]

" Mr. Dickenſon is in Town, from London, and the Ship Charlotte is at Newcaſtle, and do not chooſe to bring her up, till you give Orders about the Stampt-Papers, as ſhe is a valuable Ship. WILLIAM DOWELL."

I pray ſend an Anſwer by the Bearer.

To Mr. John Hughes.

[No. 3] Philadelphia, 5 o'Clock, 2d Oct. 1765.

Mr. Dickenſon,

" I received your kind Notice by Mr. Bradford, and for Anſwer am to inform you, that I have not received from the Lords of the Treaſury, nor from any other Perſon appointed by his Majeſty, any Commiſſion or publick Information of my being the Stamp-Officer for the Province of Pennſylvania; and therefore cannot pretend to any Right to take Charge of theſe Papers, nor ſhould I, were they now at the Wharf. The Governor is the Officer of the Crown, whoſe Duty it is to preſerve and ſecure thoſe Papers, to him I refer you for Directions how to proceed in the Premiſes; and I make no Doubt but his Honour the Governor will take Care to ſee that the Papers are landed in a Place of Security, and there kept ſafe until ſome Perſon, properly commiſſioned, ſhall appear to demand them.

To Mr. Dickenſon. Copy of a Letter ſent by Mr. Bradford's Son.

Signed by Order of my Father, JOHN HUGHES, jun.

"I inclose you a Letter I received last Evening from Mr. William Dowell, by which I understand, that the Stamped Papers are arrived at Newcastle, in the Ship Charlotte; that the Owner of the Vessel does not Care to order his Ship into Port while these Papers are on board, lest some Violence should be done her; and as I have not the least Power from the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury, or any other publick Board, authorising me to receive them, and as his Majesty's Revenue is intimately concerned in their Preservation, I thought it my Duty to give this Information, that you might take such Measures therein as your Prudence should suggest. *To* JOHN PENN, *Esq.* *I am, Sir, yours,*

[No. 5] JOHN HUGHES.

"A great Number of the Citizens of Philadelphia assembled at the State-House, do demand of Mr. John Hughes, Distributor of Stamps for Pennsylvania, that he will give them Assurance under his Hand, that he will not execute that Office, and expect that he will give them a fair, candid and direct Answer by Monday next, at Ten o'Clock, when he will be waited on for that Purpose."

Saturday, October 5, 1765.

"I do therefore return for Answer, to those Gentlemen, and all their Associates, that I have not hitherto taken any Step tending to put the late Act of Parliament in Execution in this Province, and that I will not either by myself or Deputies, do any Act or Thing that shall have the least Tendency to put the said Act into Execution in this Province, until his Majesty's future Pleasure shall be known, or until the said Act shall be put into Execution in the neighbouring Colonies; and this I am determined to abide by, unless either the Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Province, for the Time being, shall call upon me to execute the said Act.

"And whereas my Commission includes the three Counties of Newcastle, Kent, and Sussex upon Delaware, I do therefore hereby voluntarily inform the good People of these Counties, that no Act of mine, shall, either directly or indirectly, involve them into any Difficulties with Respect to the said Stamp-Act, before the same shall take Place in the neighbouring Colonies, or until his Majesty's future Pleasure shall be known, or until the Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of these Counties, shall call upon me as aforesaid to execute the said Act.

(Copy) JOHN HUGHES.

[No. 7] *Philad. Monday Morning, Oct. 7, 1765.*

"Whereas about six o'Clock on Saturday Evening last, a Paper was sent to me, expressing that a great Number of the Citizens of Philadelphia, &c. [*This Paper of Resignation was published verbatim, in the South-Carolina Gazette, and Country Journal, No. 1.*]

[No. 8] Philad. Tuesday Morning, Oct. 8, 1765.

SIR,

"I make no Doubt but you have heard that a great Number of People were collected at the State-House, on Saturday last, by causing muffled Drums to beat through the Streets of the City, and by ringing the State-House Bell muffled, and by directing all Enquirers to repair to the State-House for Information, and that after the People were collected, a Deputation was sent to me, demanding my Resignation of the Office of Chief Distributor of Stamps for this Province; and I am well informed, that great Numbers of the Ringleaders and Promoters of this Meeting, declared and vowed Destruction to my Person and Property, if I refused to gratify them in their Demand.

My Resignation is accordingly made, and I beg you will be so kind as inform me where the Stamps are deposited, that I may, by this Day's Post, inform the Lords of the Treasury, what Situation they are in, this you must know is my Duty to do, as the Stamps were consigned to me by their Lordships, and I have the Bill of Lading. But as I am confined to my Bed, and also restrained by the People from executing my Office, it is not in my Power to know what is to be done in the Premises, I therefore pray your Answer by the Bearer, my Son, which will oblige,

Sir, Your humble Servant,

To the Hon. John Penn, *Esq.* JOHN HUGHES.

The Governor returned the following verbal Answer.

Let Mr. Hughes know that the Stamps are on board of the Man of War.

Another Letter from John Hughes, Esq; to the Commissioners.

GENTLEMEN, Philadelphia, Nov. 2, 1765.

SINCE my last, *a Copy whereof is herewith sent*, nothing very extraordinary has been attempted by the *Mob*, as the great Men here would fain have it termed and believed on your Side the Water, and I make no Doubt, but it will be so represented by the proprietary Governor and his Friends; but the Truth is, that if the Governor, or any half Dozen of the Magistrates, had called the Sheriff and Constables to their Assistance, it would have been very easy for them, *with the Assistance of* MY FRIENDS then collected *about my House*, the Amount of not less than 7 or 800 Men of Reputation, who would have assisted the civil Officers at the Risk of their Lives, as THEY, AND I did to suppress the Paxton Riot, that intended to destroy the Indians at the Barracks.

I am now informed the Governor has taken the Oath prescribed by the Stamp-Act, but his Friends keep it a Secret, and say, Who knows that he has? But it will soon appear here, for that will alter his Conduct. The Commissioners and Government *may depend that I will communicate Things as they happen, though it is at the Risk of my Life*, for the Party by their Tools frequently give out, that if they knew the Man that would so far assist Britain, as to INFORM against any Man in this or any other Province, he should not live many Hours; and *I do assure the Government and Commissioners*, that all positive Charges made by me, can be proved by reputable Witnesses. But whether his Majesty, or his Ministry, can or will *wink* at and overlook these *Insults* and *Outrages*, and *permit their Colonists to refuse Obedience to* AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT, and *also declare it* ILLEGAL *and* UNCONSTITUTIONAL; and also permit the Printers here to publish weekly the most violent and inflammatory Pieces that ever were wrote; and I am of Opinion, that if the continental Papers for this two or three Months past were examined, many of them would be found rather to exceed the North-Briton, No. 45, in alienating the Affections of the People from his Majesty, and *animating them to* REBELLION, and yet at the same Time *call themselves Englishmen*, and profess the highest Degree of Loyalty to his Majesty. I sometimes tell some of our WARM BLADES, that it is a Piece of *Inconsistency in them to call themselves Englishmen*, because, Gentlemen, say I, *if you are Englishmen*, you must be *bound by Acts of Parliament*, until that Parliament releases you from that Obedience, which has not yet been done, as I know of; to this they reply, Our Charters have done it absolutely. No, Gentlemen, your Charters are but the Declarations of the Kings that granted them, and they can't be tortured to mean no more than that the Kings of Great-Britain would not arbitrarily, and without Law, raise Money on the Subject in America, and this is all our Forefathers seemed to have asked when they left Britain, and indeed it is all the Kings of Britain can legally promise, for the King cannot bar the Rights of the Lords and Commons any more than they can his Prerogatives.—The Answer then is, YOU ARE AN ENEMY TO AMERICA, AND OUGHT TO HAVE YOUR BRAINS BEAT OUT, &c. and indeed there is nothing has saved me, but the *great Number of Friends and Relations* I have in this Country, and *had it not been for their Numbers*, I must *have resigned my Office absolutely*, or else not only me, but my Family and Fortune, would have fallen a Sacrifice. *I believe I am the* ONLY STAMP DISTRIBUTOR *that has not either resigned absolutely, or fled the Province, between Virginia and Halifax*; and if the Virginia Officer had been there, I think he must have resigned also, for there the Fire began. It is my private Opinion, that *if the Province of Pennsylvania was changed from Proprietary to a Royal Government*, and SOME PERSON *appointed to govern it that had both Interest among the People, and* A PERFECT KNOWLEDGE OF THEM, so as to be ABLE TO DISPLACE THE DISLOYAL, *and put in Power and Commission such only as could be depended upon*, and have demonstrated their Loyalty to their King, SUCH A PERSON, *after the Changes aforesaid*, might easily govern this Province, and preserve the Peace of it, and KEEP IT IN SUBJECTION to his Majesty, which *I think we hardly are at this Time.*—One Reason assigned for not paying Obedience to this Act of Parliament, is, that we have no Representative in Parliament. *I then say, let us petition for Representatives.* O no, we will not agree to that, because we have Representatives of our own, and have always given Money when we have been called upon by the King or his Ministers, and if that will not do, let us have a House of Commons in America, to settle what shall be the Quota of each Colony when Money is wanted, &c. No, Gentlemen, you have foreclosed yourselves of that, *for you have demonstrated* YOUR PROPENSITY TO REBELLION to that Degree, that it is MY OPINION the Ministry never can advise his Majesty to unite you more than you now are, but if they KNOWED our Circumstances rightly, they'd divide us yet more by forming new Colonies out of Virginia, and perhaps SOME OTHERS, that are already but too large; but these Things are at a Distance, for Great-Britain *must first determine whether she is to govern us or not*, and whether she will permit us to put ourselves under the Protection of France or Spain, as *many upon the Continent declare they will ward off the Stamp-Act until they can get France or Spain to protect them*, and some few have gone so far in this Province. I must now contradict your Allegation of our giving Money when called upon. Pray has Maryland given One Shilling all the last War, and did not most of the Colonies, except Pennsylvania, refuse both Men and Money for Col. Bouquet's last Expedition against the Indians to the Westward, and when Colonel Bouquet, by his Friends, got some Volunteers raised for that Purpose in Virginia, was he not obliged to apply to the Commissioners, of this Province to pay them, or else he must have paid them out of his private Fortune, although the War was on the Virginia Frontier, and their People frequently murthered at that Time.

November 3d, Being Sunday Evening, I was called upon by the Collector to let me know that he and the other Custom-House Officers would call upon me next Day, but they afterwards changed their Plan, and on

Tuesday the 5th, I received the Paper [No. 1] and that Afternoon returned for Answer the Paper [No. 2] and I now understand that the Party are much dissatisfied with my Answer, and say I had no Need to say more than three Words, viz. "I have none," this they could have protested upon, and sent Home to the Custom-House, but I believe they have no great Inclination to send Home this Letter, however I think it my Duty to send it to you, with a Copy of theirs also; *I wish I knew whether the Act would be enforced or not, for if it is to be repealed I might resign voluntarily in Time, and thereby escape the Violence of the Party, for if the Act is not enforced, nor I do not resign in Time, I shall not be able to go into some of the neighbouring Colonies*, and look after my Interest during my Life Time, for they threaten me already in Maryland and Virginia, that if they ever catch me there they will make a Sacrifice of me, *but if they should be made subject to Great-Britain, I shall then be in no Danger*, FOR THE ISSUE OF THIS ACT WILL ABSOLUTELY DETERMINE BRITAIN'S SOVEREIGNTY IN AMERICA, for if by THESE REBELLIOUS ACTIONS WE CAN GET THIS ACT REPEALED, I have no Doubt, but some of my Children may live to see a Duty laid by Americans on some Things imported from Britain, for I do not know an Instance of a MOB'S SITTING DOWN CONTENTED WITH ONE THING, UNLESS THEY HAVE A FORCE ABLE TO QUELL THEM.

I presume when the Remonstrances from the grand Committee (who meet at New-York) come Home, it will be easy to judge *what one would be at*, for even in this Province, some few say, if we stick by one another it is not in the Power of Britain to enforce it, and say, that Ireland did the same formerly, and by that Means have escaped the *Burthen* AS THEY CALL IT. I am unable at this Time to give a more full Account of the Proceedings in America, *being not recovered from my late Illness.*

Nov. 7th, 1765, To the Commissioners of the Stamp-Office. I am, Gentlemen, with Respect, Your most obedient humble Servt. JOHN HUGHES.

[No. 1]

Mr. JOHN HUGHES.

SIR,

"We have heard from publick Report, that you are the Officer appointed to distribute Stamp-Papers and Parchment in the Province, pursuant to an Act of Parliament lately published in England, and we now apply to you to know, whether you can supply us with Stamp-Papers proper for Cockets and Clearances, on which a Duty of 4 d. Sterling is imposed (if the Copy we have seen of the Act be genuine) We apprehend it is our Duty to apply to you for them, as we cannot proceed regularly in the Business of our Office without them. Please to let us have your Answer in Writing as soon as possible, in order to prevent any Mistake or Misunderstanding that may happen from a verbal Conference between us. We beg you will be pleased to give a direct Answer, whether you will or not let us have the Stamp-Papers for the Purposes abovementioned."

Custom-House, Philadelphia, fourth of November, 1765. *We are, Sir, Your most humble Servants,* J. SWIFT, D. Collector, ALEX. BARCLAY, Comp. THO. GRAME, Naval-Officer.

[No. 2]

Gentlemen,

"*I received yours of the 4th instant, and cannot but infer from the contents that you are strangers in Pennsylvania, since by the Tenor of your Letter you seem not to be acquainted with the Things that are come to pass in these our days.*—*Therefore I think it necessary, before I proceed in Answer to it, to give you a brief detail of what has happened. First then, I am to inform you, that on Saturday the 5th of October last, the State-House and Christ-Church bells were rung muffled, and two Negro drummers, one of whom belonged to Alderman Samuel Mifflin, beat through all parts of the city with muffled drums, thereby alarming the inhabitants, in consequence whereof a large number of people was raised and assembled at the State-House, where it was publickly declared, as I am informed, that if I did not immediately resign my office, my house should be pulled down, and my substance destroyed; but before the Convention broke up, the gentlemen assembled there, in part, changed their resolution, and by a note they at night sent me, indulged me till ten o'clock the Monday morning following, to satisfy them whether I would or not resign my office as Stamp-distributor for this province. Secondly, although it was currently reported through the city on the 4th of October last, that Captain Halland with the Stamp-papers, &c. would be up the next day, and that a mob would be raised to destroy them, yet neither the governor, the supreme judges, the mayor, recorder, aldermen, nor any other justiciary officers (Benjamin Shoemaker excepted) took the least notice thereof, nor used any means to preserve the peace of the city. Thirdly, although on Monday the 7th of October, when the people collected at the Free-Masons Lodge, and their delegates, who need not here be named, came to my house, and demanded of me, my answer, whether I would or would not resign my office as a Stamp-distributor of this province, yet neither the governor, the judges of the supreme court, although then sitting, the mayor, recorder, aldermen, nor any of the peace officers of the city, testified the least disapprobation thereof, but permitted those gentlemen and their associates, to compel me to make the declaration which you may see printed in the Gazette and Pennsylvania Journal of the 10th of October last.—Fourthly, these gentlemen-delegates and their associates, have therefore prevented any Stamps from coming into my possession, of consequence, it is not in my power to supply you, but as you may be unacquainted with the situation of the Stamp-papers, I do myself the pleasure of informing you, that his honour the Governor has committed them to the care of Captain Hawker, commander of his Majesty's ship Sardoine; and I would likewise, gentlemen, beg leave to acquaint you, that he has taken, as I am informed, a solemn oath, "to do, to his utmost, that all and every of the clauses "contained in the Stamp-Act shall be bona fide observed;" wherefore I must refer you to him, as I am, for the reasons already assigned, at present incapacitated to supply you with Stamp-papers, &c. for a more full answer is necessary to your letter. Fifthly, if any inconveniency or damage therefore, should happen to any person or persons for want of Stamp-papers, the blame neither can, nor does lie at my door; whatever it may of those of the gentlemen delegates, and their associates, &c. I am sorry, gentlemen, that you suffered an insinuation to escape your pen, as if I would not afford you a direct answer to your letter, for I am persuaded no part of my conduct has given you, or any other person, cause to suspect either my candor or integrity; therefore permit me to say, that I must look upon this insinuation as both ungenerous and unfriendly."*

Philadelphia, 5th Nov. To John Swift, Alex. Barclay, and Thom. Grame, Esquires. I am, Sirs, Your humble Servant, JOHN HUGHES.

[*The Remainder of these Letters in our next.*]

CHARLES-TOWN, OCTOBER 14.

ON Thursday last, the Lady of his Excellency the Right Honourable Lord CHARLES-GREVILLE MONTAGU, Governor in Chief, &c. of this Province, was safely delivered of a Son and Heir, on which happy Event the Bells were rung, Colours displayed, and other Demonstrations of Joy exhibited.

Early Yesterday Morning, departed this Life in an advanced Age, after a tedious and painful Indisposition, which he bore with Christian Fortitude, that truly pious, good, and benevolent Gentleman, the Honourable HECTOR BERINGER B. DE BEAUFAIN, F. R. S. late Collector of his Majesty's Customs for this Port, which Office he held for upwards of Twenty-four Years, with unblemished Reputation: He was also formerly a Member of his Majesty's Honourable Council for this Province.—His Death is universally lamented by all Ranks of People; in him the Poor has lost a most valuable Friend, and the Community suffers an irreparable Loss.—His Remains are to be interred this Day at St. Philip's Church.—And we hear that the Merchants intend to open a Subscription for erecting a MONUMENT to the Memory of a Gentleman who has so *eminently* distinguished himself, not only as an uncurrupted and faithful Servant of the Crown, but as one of the *truest* and most *disinterested* Friends to the Commercial Interest of this Province.

Last Night the Ship Carolina Packet, Captain William White, arrived here in eight Weeks from London, and on his Paſſage met with a violent Hurricane, in which he was near foundering.

MARRIED.] October 9. Mr. Samuel Prioleau, jun. to Miſs Catharine Cordes, Daughter of John Cordes, Eſq; deceaſed.

DIED.] October 8. Mrs. Mary Heſket, Relict of Mr. George Heſket, aged 77 Years.—October 12, Mrs. Mary Froſt, in the 79 Year of her Age.

October	CUSTOM-HOUSE, ENTRIES INWARD.	*From*
7th.	Schooner Peggy, Robert Pruddin,	New-Providence
	Ship Two Friends, Samuel Ball,	London
8th.	Sloop Sally, Seth Hervey,	Bermuda
9th.	Schooner Old Plantation, L. Pettit,	Port Acomack
October	ENTRIES OUTWARD.	*For*
9th.	Sloop Hope, Charles Henry	Philadelphia
	Sloop Patience, Millner Tucker,	New-Providence
10th.	Schooner Dolphin, Joſeph Peabody,	Rhode-Iſland
11th.	Ship Betſey and Polly, William Taggart,	Martinico
13th.	Snow Pitt, John Rouit,	London
October	CLEARED FOR DEPARTURE.	*For*
7th.	Brig Philadelphia-Packet, J. Harriſon,	Philadelphia
	Brig Jenny, David Barry,	St. Euſtatia.
10th.	Sloop Benjamin, Henry Dickenſon,	St. Chriſtophers
	Sloop Hope, Charles Henry,	Philadelphia
	Sloop Fanny, Matthias Holywood,	Georgia
11th.	Sloop Polly, Robert Riddle,	Jamaica
13th.	Snow Britannia, Daniel Campbell,	Grenada

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO BE LETT,

TWO new Brick Tenements in Anſonſburgh, belonging to the SOUTH-CAROLINA SOCIETY, very pleaſantly ſituated, with Ground ſufficient for a good Garden. For further Particulars, apply to either of the Subſcribers.

DANIEL CANNON,
RICHARD MONCRIEFF,
WILLIAM GIBBES,
JOHN McCALL,
WILLIAM ANCRUM.

Charles-Town, October 8, 1766.

JUST ARRIVED,

In the Ship Britannia, *Captain* Alexander Hardie, *from* COWES *and* ROTTERDAM;

ABOUT Five Hundred PALATINES, or GERMAN SERVANTS, moſtly young, and in good HEALTH; amongſt whom are TRADESMEN of all Sorts, whoſe INDENTURES are to be diſpoſed of, by WILLIAM HALES.

TO BE SOLD, extremely CHEAP,

A Second Hand EIGHT DAY CLOCK, warranted, on ſeveral Years Experience, to be as good as any in the Province.—Alſo a very good SPINET.—Enquire of the Printer hereof.

THE Commiſſioners of the Streets give this publick Notice to all Perſons in Arrears for Pavements, &c. that they are required to pay the ſame to the Clerk, on or before Monday the 10th Inſtant, otherwiſe Executions will be granted; and as it is neceſſary to ſettle with the Pavior, it is hoped each Perſon concerned will avail himſelf of this Notice.

By Order of the Commiſſioners,
October 6, 1766. ELISHA POINSETT, *Clerk.*

Charles-Town, October 13, 1766.

WHEREAS by an Advertiſement in July laſt, it was required that all Perſons concerned, ſhould pay their Poor-Tax to the Clerk of the Veſtry of St. Philip's Pariſh, by the firſt of Auguſt then next enſuing; And as it appears that Numbers have not paid, this is therefore to give Notice to all ſuch, that unleſs they do pay the ſame by the firſt of next Month, being November, Executions will certainly be iſſued againſt all Defaulters at that Time.

By Order of the Veſtry of St. Philip's Pariſh,
ELISHA POINSETT, *Clerk.*

Juſt imported in the Two Friends, Capt. Ball, from London,

A Few fine Pieces of Yorkſhire Cloths, Shalloons, Bed Blankets, Oznabrugs, Iriſh Linens, Garlix, Engliſh Chints, Womens beſt Callimanco Shoes, &c. &c. and which will be ſold cheap, by THOMAS CHARNOCK, at his Store in Bedon's Alley.

A Few Thouſand Feet of Honduras Mohogany, very good Weſt-India Rum by the Hogſhead, and a few Boxes of Chocolate, to be ſold, by DAVID STODDARD, & Co.

LITTLE Regard having been paid to our former Advertiſement, we do hereby give this laſt and final NOTICE, That all Bonds, Notes, and Accounts, due to us, or to ROBERT OSWALD, & Co. that ſhall be unpaid on the firſt Day of February 1767, will then, without Diſtinction, be put into an Attorney's Hands, to be recovered without loſs of Time.

MIDDLETON, LISTON, & HOPE.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of RICHARD STEVENS, late of St. Helena Iſland, deceaſed, are deſired forthwith to diſcharge the ſame, there being a Neceſſity to call in all the Debts due to that Eſtate to pay a large Legacy; and all Perſons to whom the ſaid Eſtate is indebted, are deſired to deliver their Accounts properly atteſted, to

THOMAS MIDDLETON,
LEWIS REEVE, } Executors.

GEORGE THOMSON,

Has juſt imported in the Two Friends, *Captain* Ball, *from* LONDON;

A Compleat Aſſortment of GOODS, fit for the winter ſeaſon, among which are,—White and coloured PLAINS, of a very good quality, and beſt London DUFFLES, which he will ſell at a low advance, at his ſtore in Broad-ſtreet, two doors from the Watch-Houſe.

N.B. A ſet of iron weights, with a large beam, to be diſpoſed of.

IMPORTED in the Two Friends, *Captain* Ball, *and to be ſold in a new Brick Store in* Bedon's Alley,

A Few pieces of well manufactured blue, and white PLAINS, at 20 *ſh.* per yard, hunters plains from 15 to 25 *ſh.* per yard, ſtriped cottons and ermins at 20 *ſh.* and 12*s.* 6*d.* per yard, a neat aſſortment of good and durable 3-4 wide ſtuffs for negroes gowns at 8*s.* 9*d.* per yard, a very great variety of printed cottons and Engliſh chints, Iriſh linens, diapers, fine Iriſh osnabrugs, cutlery, checks and check handkerchiefs, men and womens cotton, thread, and ſilk hoſe, chipt hats and bonnets, and a quantity of rowles, with many other articles, all bought of the manufacturers with caſh, and are to be ſold on the moſt reaſonable terms, by JOHN DAVIES.

Beaufort, Port-Royal, October 1, 1766.

THOMAS RUTLEDGE,

Has imported in the Ship Live-Oak, Capt. Andrew Lundberry, from BRISTOL,

WHITE, blue, and green Plains, ſtriped Duffles, Bed Blankets, Broad Cloths and Serges, 3-4th, 7-8th, and Yard wide Iriſh Linens, 3-4th and 7-8th Linen and Cotton Checks, broad Hoes and Axes, Nails of all Sorts, Lintſeed Oil in Jugs, white Lead ground in Oil, Spaniſh brown, yellow Oaker, &c. beſt bottled Beer, with moſt other Articles uſually imported from thence, which he will diſpoſe of on the moſt reaſonable Terms, at his Store on the Bay near the Vendue-Houſe.

MICHIE & MACAULAY,

HAVE imported in the Portland, *Captain* Higgins, *and the* Live-Oak, *Captain* Lundberry;

WHITE, blue, green, and drab coloured PLAINS, of a good Quality; with a general Aſſortment of GOODS lately imported. Which they will diſpoſe of on very reaſonable Terms, at their Store in Broad-ſtreet, oppoſite to Mr. John Paul Grimke's.

JOHN McCALL, jun.

Has juſt imported in the Briſlington, Capt. May, from Briſtol,

WHITE, blue, green, and drab coloured PLAINS, of an exceeding good quality, iron pots of all ſizes, frying pans, gridirons, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 20 d. nails, Glouceſter and Cheſhire CHEESE, window glaſs, hunters pipes in ſmall boxes, with ſundry other articles, which, with his former ſtock of GOODS (all a well choſen late importation) he will ſell very cheap, at his STORE in Tradd-ſtreet.

AN Aſſortment of Iriſh Linens and Sheeting, bought on the beſt Terms, Caſh being paid for them on Delivery in England.—Alſo a Bale of excellent Duffies, ſixteen Blankets in a Piece, to be ſold by

PRICE, HEST, & HEAD,
Who want to purchaſe a Quantity of dreſſed Deer-ſkins.

TO BE LET, and entered immediately,

MR. Daniel Horry's Houſe on Trott's Point, where Captain Lyford lately dwelt, the Corner oppoſite Mr. Edward Martin's; it has a Chair Houſe, Stable, Garden, and every Conveniency that can be deſired in a Houſe of its Size. Apply to JAMES POYAS.

THE Sale of the Negroes, belonging to the Eſtate of Mr. Joſeph Bradwell, deceaſed, and which was to have been this Day, at the Houſe of Mr. John Poſtell, in Dorcheſter, is put off until Monday the Third of November next, when they will then be ſold at the ſame Place, by THOMAS BULLINE, jun. Adminiſtrator.

October 14, 1766.

THE Subſcriber having incloſed that Piece of Ground known by the Name of Mr. Lynch's Paſture, forwarns all Perſons from paſſing or repaſſing through the ſame, as alſo from breaking or pulling down of the Fence, as he is determined to proſecute all ſuch Offenders to the utmoſt Rigour of the Law.——He alſo acquaints the Publick, that as he has been obliged to ſtop-up the Paſſage to the Brew-Houſe Well, he has repaired and cleaned the BRICK-WELL, known by the Name of Mrs. Trott's WELL, which is eſteemed to be as good, if not better WATER, than any in Charles-Town, and which he will leave an open Paſſage to, both from Meeting-ſtreet and from the Bay.——Any Gentleman inclinable, may have Water until the Firſt of December, GRATIS; and whoever continues afterwards, muſt pay at the Rate of *Thirty-Five Shillings* a Year, to JOHN McILLRAITH.

TO BE SOLD at publick Vendue, at the uſual Place in Charles-Town, on Tueſday the 4th of November next;

A Likely young Negro Wench, belonging to the Eſtate of JOHN WILLIAMS, deceaſed, by DAVID MAUL, Adminiſtrator.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of WILLIAM BEE, late of James-Iſland, deceaſed, are deſired forthwith to diſcharge the ſame; and thoſe who have Demands againſt the ſaid Eſtate, to bring them in properly atteſted, to RACHEL BEE, Executrix.

N. B. A vacant Lot in Charles-Town, belonging to the Eſtate, to be leaſed for a Term of Years.

WANTED,

AN Overſeer for CHARLEY-WOOD Plantation, who can be well recommended.——Sundry Parcels of Land ſituated on Wando and Cooper River, to be let out on Leaſes, in ſuch Quantity as may ſuit thoſe inclined to take them, either without Stock and Negroes, or with them, giving Security, to RICHARD BERESFORD.

St. Thomas's, October 13, 1766.

NATHANIEL RAYMOR, informs me of a horſe that ſtrayed into his yard ſometime in September laſt, he is a dark bay, between 12 and 13 hands high, with long mane and tail, a ſtar on his forehead, one of his off feet white, ſome white hairs on his back, is aged, and branded on the off ſhoulder with an obſcure brand which cannot be diſcribed in print. The owner may prove his property before

Charleſtown, Oct. 10, 1766. FENWICKE BULL, J. P.

NATHANIEL BULLINE, informs me of two horſes ſtrayed into his plantation on Charles-Town neck; the one a bright bay, with a ſtar, branded on the off buttock BI; the other a black, branded on the off buttock BE, the R upſide down, and the B at top; each about 12 hands high. The owners muſt apply to prove their property before

October 13, 1766. JOHN RESINGTON, J. P.

Black-Mingo, Sept. 23, 1766.

WILLIAM GUESS, of Williamſburgh Townſhip, informs me of a ſtra bitten grey gelding, which ſtrayed into his paſture; he is about 12 hands high, branded on the mounting ſhoulder TS, and on the off buttock with a fleure de luce, and on the off ſhoulder with an obſcure brand.

ALEXANDER CHOCKWOOD, informs me of a bay gelding about 14 hands high, has a white ſpot on his forehead, branded on the off thigh ſomething like 7 77, and on the mounting ſhoulder with a brand reſembling AL in one, and trots. The owner of ſaid ſtrays, may prove their property before DAVID FULTON.

STRAYED or ſtolen from Trott's Point, on Thurſday laſt, a grey Horſe, with a black Mane and Tail, about 13 Hands and an half high, branded on the mounting Buttock H, and either C or G. Whoever delivers the ſaid Horſe to Mr. Elias Vanderhorſt, Merchant, or to me on Trott's Point, ſhall have Three Pounds Reward, and reaſonable Charges paid by

JOSEPH VANDERHORST.

RAN AWAY from my plantation at Santee, in St. Stephen's pariſh, ſome time in Auguſt laſt, three new Negro fellows, named PRIMAS, CÆSAR, and BOATSWAIN; had on when they went away, negro cloth jackets and breeches, they took with them their blankets and ſhoes, and can ſpeak but little Engliſh.—PRIMAS is a tall fellow, and has a large ſcar on one of his ſhoulders.—CÆSAR is a ſtout well made fellow, a little yellowiſh, but not ſo tall as Primas.—BOATSWAIN is a ſhort black fellow, with a very full beard.——Whoever apprehends and delivers the ſaid Negroes, or either of them, to my plantations at Santee or St. John's, or to Mr. Thomas Lind, in Charles-Town, ſhall receive a reward of FIVE POUNDS currency for each.

ELIAS BALL, *of Hyde-Park.*

BROUGHT TO THE WORK-HOUSE,

Jan. 9, 1766. A new Negro Fellow of the Papa Country, calls himſelf DUBAU, marked in the Face with his Country Marks, and has on white Negro Cloth Jacket and Breeches. Taken up at Stono.

October 4. A new negro fellow of the Cromantee country, who calls himſelf ANTHONY, but cannot tell his maſter's name, has on old white negro cloth jacket and breeches, has a ſmall hole on the left ſide of his eye, occaſioned by ſmall ſhot in his own country. Taken up at the Governor's gate up the path.

October 7. A well ſet new negro fellow, who ſpeaks no Engliſh, has on an old white negro cloth jacket with pewter buttons, has a ſmall beard. Taken up at Cooſawhatchee.

October 10. A young negro fellow who calls himſelf FELIX, but cannot tell his maſter's name, has on a ſhort pair of white negro cloth trowſers, a ſhort robin, with an old negro cloth jacket dyed purple. Taken up at Daniel Blake, Eſquire's, near Dorcheſter.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO BE SOLD,

A Tract of Five Hundred and Thirty-two Acres of valuable Rice Land, ſituated in St. Bartholomew's Pariſh, Colleton County, bounding Northweſterly on Mr. Thomas Elliott's Land, Northeaſterly and Northweſterly on Captain David Godin's Land, all other Sides on a Creek where a Schooner of Eighty Barrels may paſs freely.

Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the above Tract of Land, may treat with the Owner, CHARLES DUPONT, at his Plantation at Indian Land, or with GIDEON DUPONT, at Jackſonſburgh, in whoſe Hands the Titles may be ſeen.

TO BE SOLD very reaſonable by the Subſcriber, two very valuable Plantations, adjoining each other, in St. Peter's Pariſh, one containing 869 Acres, on which is a Dutch roofed Houſe, framed of choice yellow Pine, a good Corn-Houſe, and other Out-Houſes. The other containing 834 Acres, on which is a Barn, Overſeer's Houſe, Corn-Houſe, and other Buildings; about 190 Acres of the firſt mentioned Tract, and about 70 Acres of the other Tract is now cleared, and under good Fence; the ſaid Plantations are inferior to none in the Province for Rice, Corn, and Indico. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the whole, will have the Advantage of a large Reſervoir of Water, on which a Machine for pounding of Rice may be erected,—or any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe either of the above Tracts ſeparate, may treat with me at my Plantation in Prince Willian Pariſh. CORNELIUS DUPONT.

A Negro Fellow, named TOM, a Bricklayer by Trade, formerly belonging to Dr. Martin, and ſince to Mr. Jacob Deveaux, of whom I lately purchaſed him, having abſconded and ſecreted himſelf from me without ſo much as giving me an Opportunity of ſpeaking to him ſince he became my Property. Theſe are therefore to offer a Reward of TEN POUNDS to any Perſon who will apprehend the ſaid Fellow, and deliver him to the Warden of the Work-Houſe. And whereas the ſaid Negro Fellow has heretofore been employed, and has undertaken Jobs in the Way of his Buſineſs, without Comptroll, I do hereby give Notice, that I will never allow him ſuch Liberties, and that every Perſon who may hereafter employ him, unleſs with a written Licence under my Hand, will be proſecuted with the utmoſt Severity of the Law.

RAWLINS LOWNDES.

TO BE SOLD cheap, by

SIMON & JOHN BERWICK,

A Large Quantity of exceeding good and faſh made NEGRO SHOES. Gentlemen may be ſupplied by applying to JOHN BERWICK, at Stono, or to SIMON BERWICK, at his Tan-Yard in Charles-Town, the upper End of Tradd-ſtreet, where Shoe-makers and others, may be ſupplied with Leather of all Kinds. They have alſo a great Number of ſtrong black Shoes for Houſe Negroes or others, with Men, Boys and Girls neat Shoes and Pumps.

STRAYED into the Subſcriber's Plantation two Cows and Calves, the one a brindle and white, with both Ears cropped, an upper Keal out of one, and an under Keal out of the other Ear. The other a black and white, with one Ear cropped, and two under Keels out of the other. Whoever owns the above Cows, muſt prove their Property before FRANCIS ROCHE.

THE Co-partnership of MILES BREWTON, and THOMAS LOUGHTON SMITH, being expired, and the former intending to go for England in the Spring, they are determined finally to settle their Affairs by that Time, THEREFORE Notice is hereby given to all *without Diſtinction* whoſe Debts became payable preceding the Firſt of January laſt, that unleſs they are diſcharged or otherwiſe fully ſatisfied by the Firſt Day of *January next*, they will then aſſuredly be delivered to an Attorney to be recovered according to Law.

And thoſe whoſe Contracts became due ſince January laſt, it is expected will diſcharge their reſpective Debts by the Firſt of March next at lateſt.

The Bonds, Notes, and open Accounts, due for Goods ſold by ROBERT MILLER, at Bacon's Bridge, and unpaid on the Firſt of January next, will alſo without Diſtinction be then placed in the Hands of an Attorney to be ſued.

N. B. The Buildings at Bacon's Bridge, near Dorcheſter, now occupied by Mr. Joor, conſiſting of a good Dwelling Houſe, front and back Stores, and convenient Out-buildings for a Family, with upwards of 70 Acres of Land, well ſituated for Trade, in a populous Part of the Country, is to be ſold a Bargain.—Two Years Credit will be given the Purchaſer, paying Intereſt and giving Security if required.

Charles-Town, October 2, 1766.

AS little or no Regard has been ſhewn to the repeated Advertiſements of the Executors of Thomas Gordon, deceaſed, requeſting all Perſons indebted to the ſaid Deceaſed, to pay off their reſpective Debts;—They have now placed the Bonds, Notes and Accounts, due to the Deceaſed's Eſtate in my Hands, with Inſtructions to proceed in a legal Courſe, if not diſcharged by the Firſt of November next, until which Time, ſuch Perſons as are intereſted in this Notice, will have an Opportunity of making Payment, without incurring any Charge or Expence; but after that Day, nothing of this Sort may be expected.

September 29, 1766. WILLIAM MASON.

WANTED immediately,

AN Overſeer, a ſingle Man, to manage about fifteen or ſixteen Hands, on a Plantation on Charleſtown-Neck. One well recommended (none elſe need apply) will meet with good Encouragement by applying to JOSEPH PORCHER.

Who will diſpoſe of (not having any Employment for him) two Years and an Half of the Time of an Engliſh indented Servant, who is an extraordinary good Carpenter and Joyner.

JUST imported in the Brig Philadelphia Packet, Captain Harriſon, from Philadelphia, and to be ſold by

BENFIELD & JONES,

SHIP and Water Bread, ſuperfine Flour, in Barrels, half Barrels and Kegs, Bar-Iron, &c.

They have alſo TWO CHESTS of exceeding fine Hyſon Tea, which they will ſell at a very low Advance, or exchange them for coarſe Goods.

WHEREAS little Regard has been paid to my repeated Letters, requeſting Payment from thoſe who have been in Arrears upwards of eighteen Months, being in want of the ſame to fulfil my own Engagements.

THIS is to acquaint all Perſons who are indebted to me, by Bond, Note, or Account, that unleſs they diſcharge their reſpective Debts by the firſt Day of January next enſuing, they will be ſued for without further Notice.

October 2, 1766. WILLIAM PRICE.

TO BE SOLD CHEAP, BY

THOMAS BUCKLE,

At his Houſe on the BAY, Charleſtown;

SUGAR, Weſt-India Rum, Madera Wine of the beſt Quality, by the Pipe, Quarter Caſk, or the Dozen.——ALSO, An Aſſortment of DRY GOODS, fit for the Seaſon, juſt imported from London in the Ship Two Friends, Captain Samuel Ball, which will be ſold at a ſmall Advance. Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the whole, with the remaining Stock of Goods in my Shop, may have them at a very reaſonable Price.

ALSO TO BE SOLD, The Schooner MARGARET, built at Winyaw, and bought of Mr. John Mayrant. The Terms will be Caſh, or Twelve Months Credit, giving Security if required, to THOMAS BUCKLE.

RUN AWAY the Third Inſtant, a young Fellow named JONNY, uſed to the Sea, well known in this Place. Any Perſon that delivers him to me or the Warden of the Work-Houſe, ſhall receive a Reward of FIVE POUNDS Currency. THOMAS BUCKLE.

Charleſtown, October 7, 1766.

DARBY PENDERGRASS,

Hath juſt imported in the London, Captain Strachan, from London, a neat ASSORTMENT of GOODS, amongſt which are,

SUPER-FINE broad cloths and trimmings, ſagathies, ſilk and worſted ſtockings, duroys, jeans and jeanets of different colours, fit for mens ſummer wear, gold and ſilver lace, cottons, calicoes, chints, printed cambricks, and lumbums, Iriſh linens, checks, and check handkerchiefs, flowered, bordered, plain, and ſpotted lawns, cambricks, cloaking diaper, womens damaſk, calimanco, and everlaſting ſhoes, maids and girls ditto, womens black ſatin hats and bonnets, capuchins and cardinals, maſks, thread and cotton hoſe, round and ſquare threads, trolly and Dutch lace, fine white plain gauze, ſtriped, ſprigged, and flowered ditto all wide, new faſhioned fans, bohea tea, fine Florence oil, beſt Whitechapel and common needles, with ſundry other articles too tedious to mention, which will be ſold at nine for one caſh, at his ſtore in Meeting-ſtreet.—Pink, ſcarlet, blue, and white ſatin, to be ſold at the ſaid ſtore, at eight for one.

GODFREY & GADSDEN,

HAVE juſt imported in the Live Oak, Andrew Lunsberry, from Briſtol, and other late Veſſels from London;

A Compleat aſſortment of goods ſuitable for the preſent and approaching ſeaſons, which they will ſell very reaſonable at their ſtores in George-Town and Charles-Town, among which are the following articles, white, blue and green plains, of an exceeding good quality, London and Briſtol duffle blankets, nails of all ſorts, iron pots, boxes of pipes, grind ſtones, iron ſpliting wedges, &c. &c.

N. B. A few pipes of good Madera wine to be ſold cheap.

JOHN NEUFVILLE,

INTENDING to decline the DRY GOODS Buſineſs, will now ſell off his Stock of Goods at *Nine for One*, payable the firſt of January next, and at a lower Rate to thoſe who takes a Quantity for Caſh.—The Goods conſiſts of an Aſſortment of ſuch Articles as are uſually imported here from England.

N. B. A large Quantity of beſt NEGRO SHOES, and excellent Vidonia WINE, to be ſold cheap.

JUSTINA DALES,

TAKES this Method to acquaint the Publick, That ſhe has left Mrs. BRUCE, and moved into the Houſe of Mrs. PRICE, near the Old Church, where ſhe propoſes following the MILLINERY BUSINESS, in all its Branches.——She will take it very Kind of the LADIES that may pleaſe to employ her, and aſſures them that their Work ſhall be done in the neateſt and moſt faſhionable Manner, and on the loweſt Terms.

Charles-Town, October 6, 1766.

ON Wedneſday the 22d Inſtant, at Ten in the Forenoon, (by Order of the Preſident) will be held, at the SCHOOL-HOUSE, a Viſitation of the Provincial Free-School, where the Commiſſioners are particularly deſired to attend.

N. B. There are ſeveral Vacancies on the Foundation, to be filled, upon immediate Application to any of the Commiſſioners.

Juſt imported in the Portland, Higgins, Charlotte, Reeves, and the Briſlington, May;

BEST Bridport CANVAS, a complete Aſſortment of London CORDAGE, and ſundry other Articles of SHIP CHANDLERY, to be ſold by

PRICE, HEST, & HEAD.

Who have a few Pipes of exceeding good TENERIFFE WINE, to diſpoſe of reaſonably.

TO BE SOLD,

By CUNNINGHAM & SANDS,

LONDON, New-York, and other Madera WINE, by the Pipe, Hogſhead, Quarter-Caſk, or Dozen.

Vidonia WINE, in the like Quantity.

PORT WINE, CLARET, LISBON, | BURGUNDY, MOUNTAIN, ARRACK, } By the Dozen.

FRONTENACK and MALMSEY, in Pint or Quart Bottles, by the Dozen,

Old Jamaica RUM, by the Hogſhead, Quarter-Caſk, or ſmaller Quantity, not leſs than three Gallons.

Old Weſt-India ditto, by the like Quantity.

Old French BRANDY, by the three Gallons.

All which are warranted to be excellent in Quality, as the greateſt Care is taken in the Choice, as well as in the Management of them; and are to be had by applying to them at their Counting-houſe fronting the Bay, on Mr. Burn's new Wharf, or at their Store in Union-ſtreet.

N. B. All Orders from the Country will be punctually complied with.

CARNE & WILSON,

HAVE imported in the Two Friends, Captain Ball;

A LARGE and compleat Aſſortment of Drugs, chymical and galenical Medicines, Surgeon's Inſtruments, &c. which will be ſold reaſonable.

THE Subſcriber informs the young Ladies and Gentlemen, of his Returning from his Country School to Charleſtown, where he propoſes opening his Dancing School during the Seaſon, at his Long-Room, on Monday 13th October, to be continued three Days and Nights in the Week. The Publick is ere now convinced of his Abilities in making genteel Dancers, and with Diſpatch, which requires no farther Encomiums, from *their humble Servant*,

ANDREW RUTLEDGE.

A Single young Man, well qualified for teaching Reading, Writing, and Arithmetick, both vulgar and decimal, would be glad to ſerve any Gentleman in the Country, in the Education of his Children. Enquire of the Printer hereof.

THE Schooner Dolphin, Joſeph Peabody, Maſter, will ſail in a few Days for Rhode-Iſland.—And there being yet on Hand a ſmall Quantity of Potatoes, Onions, Cheeſe, Pickled Fiſh, a few Deſks, Chairs, &c. they will be diſpoſed of on reaſonable Terms, at Colonel Beale's Wharf. Apply to the ſaid Maſter.

THOMAS FELL,

TAYLOR, in ELLIOTT-STREET,

HAS juſt imported in the laſt Veſſels from ENGLAND;

A Compleat aſſortment of faſhionable ſuperfine broad cloths and trimmings, ſilk and worſted breeches patterns, gold and ſilver bindings and narrow lace, buttons and garters.—He returns his Thanks to his Friends and Cuſtomers for the Encouragement he has met with from them, and hopes for a Continuance of their Favours.

Parrſborgh, Sept. 27, 1766.

TAKEN up by LEWIS MORGIL, a bright bay horſe, 14 hands high, branded on the mounting ſhoulder IB, has a ſtar on his forehead, appears to be aged, and is a natural pacer. The owner may have him on proving his property before JOHN LEWIS BOURQUIN, J.P.

A Very neat and elegant Pair of SCONCE GLASSES, and one CHIMNEY GLASS, bought in LONDON with ready Money,—too large for the Houſe they were intended for—TO BE SOLD at Seven for One. on the firſt Coſt without Charges; for ready Money alſo, at the Houſe of PETER HALL, Cabinet-Maker, in Queen-ſtreet.

WEDNESDAY the 15th of October 1766, being a general Meeting of the FELLOWSHIP SOCIETY, the Members are deſired to give their Attendance at the Houſe of Mr. William Holliday, in Charleſtown, preciſely at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, to chooſe Officers, and perform other neceſſary Buſineſs, agreeable to the Rules,

By Order of the Society,

GEORGE MYLNE, Secry.

ANY Perſon having the firſt Volume of the Rev. Mr. JOHN FLAVAL's Works, and will diſpoſe of the ſame, may hear of a Perſon who will give a good Price for it, by applying to the Printer hereof.

TO BE SOLD,

A Plantation lately belonging to the honourable James Michie, Eſq; deceaſed, containing 1035 acres on the weſt ſide of Cooper river, in the pariſh of St. James, Goose-Creek, about a mile from the Quarter-Houſe, bounding to the eaſt on the ſaid river; to the ſouth on lands of Henry Middleton, Eſq; to the weſt on lands of Mr. John Poyas, and Mrs. Hyrne; and to the north on lands lately Mr. Hurſt's The ſaid land is well timbered, a conſiderable part thereof is very good rice, corn and indico land, and there is a large body of marſh belonging to it, that may be eaſily dammed in, and made fit for planting; on it is a dwelling-houſe, a good barn, out-houſes, &c.

ALSO, To be ſold, ſeveral thouſand acres of land, divided into ſmall and convenient tracts, ſituate on the Wateree river, near Mr. Kerſhaw's ſtore at Pine Tree Hill. Theſe lands alſo late the property of the ſaid James Michie, are ſo well known, to be as good, if not the beſt lands in this province, that a further deſcription is unneceſſary.

ALSO, to be ſold, 1000 acres of land, on the ſouth ſide of Waccamaw river, granted to Iſaac Leſeſne, bounding north on ſaid river, ſouth and weſt on Jeſſe Badenhope, Eſquire's land.

Seven hundred and fifty acres of land granted to William Whiteſides, on the north ſide of Santee river, bounding ſouth weſt on Richard Baker's lands, and north weſt on William Huff's Lands.

Four hundred and forty-ſix acres of land, in Queenſborough townſhip, on the ſouth ſide of Peedee river, bounding north weſt on lands of Alexander Skeen, Eſq; north eaſt on Peedee river, and ſouth eaſt on Colonel Othniel Beale's land.

Five hundred acres of land adjoining the foregoing.

Eight hundred acres of land, granted to Mr. John Watſon, in the pariſh of St. James, Santee, bounding to the ſouth weſt on lands belonging to Elias Ball, ſenior, to the north weſt on Captain Thomas Cooper's lands.

One hundred acres of land in Amelia townſhip, bounding north weſt on Santee river, alſo one lot, containing half an acre of land, No. 80.

Six hundred and ſixty-nine acres in the North-Britain tract, Craven county.

The whole to be ſold by us (as attornays of Mr. Charles Ogilvie, of London, merchant) in whoſe hands the plats and title deeds may be ſeen.—A year's credit will be given for the purchaſe-money, paying intereſt, and giving ſecurity.

Auguſt 5, 1766. ALEXANDER GARDEN, JOHN FORBES.

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

WILLIAM BARNEY, of the Province aforeſaid, who is in the Cuſtody of the Provoſt-Marſhal, by Virtue of a Writ of *Capias ad Reſpondendum*, at the Suit of *Philip Jackſon*, having petitioned their Honours the Chief Juſtice, and his Aſſociates, Juſtices of the Court of Common Pleas, that he may be admitted to the Benefit of the Act made for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors. IT IS ORDERED, That the ſaid *Philip Jackſon*, and all others, to whom the ſaid Petitioner is any wiſe indebted, be, and they are hereby ſummoned and have Notice, to appear at the uſual Place of Judicature, at the firſt Sitting of the Court of Common Pleas, or General Seſſions, which ſhall happen three Months after the Publication hereof, to ſhew Cauſe, if any they can why the ſaid Petitioner ſhould not have the Prayer of his Petition granted. D. CAMPBELL, C. C. P.

Pleas-Office, Auguſt 13, 1766.

THERE being an abſolute Neceſſity of ſettling the Affairs of the Eſtate of the late Doct. ALEXANDER M'DOWALL, of Prince George's Pariſh, deceaſed, theſe are to deſire all Perſons who are indebted to the ſaid Eſtate to pay the ſame immediately; and thoſe to whom the ſaid Eſtate is indebted, to give in their demands to

GEO. GAB. POWELL, WILLIAM ALLSTON, THOMAS GODFREY, } Executors.

RICHARD FOWLER,

UPHOLSTERER and PAPER-HANGER, from LONDON, two Doors from the *White-Meeting*, in Meeting-ſtreet,

BEGS Leave to inform the Publick, that he makes all Sorts of Bed Furniture, Venetian and Feſtoon Window Curtains, ſtuffs and repairs all Sorts of eaſy and French Chairs, Couches and Sofas, in the neateſt Taſte. Matraſſes made; and thoſe who find their Materials, may have them made for *One Dollar* each.

He has juſt imported in the Queen Charlotte, *Captain* Reeves, *from* London,

A Variety of Paper-Hangings, and Flower Pieces for Chimnies, of the neateſt and neweſt Faſhions. He will be much obliged to thoſe who chuſe to favour him with their Commands, and they may depend on having them executed with the greateſt Care and Aſſiduity, and in an elegant and workman-like Manner.

OLIVER CROMWELL, TAYLOR,

TAKES this Method of returning his Friends and Cuſtomers Thanks for their former Favours, and hopes for their Continuance, as he has always made it his Study to oblige thoſe that have favoured him with their Cuſtom; and as he has a Number of good Hands, he can diſpatch his Work as expeditiouſly as any of his Profeſſion in Town.—He hopes that all thoſe whoſe Accounts are of a long Standing will conſider him in the Light of a new Beginner.

N. B. He takes in Country Lodgers as uſual, and has Accommodations for two conſtant Boarders, and will take two or three Day Boarders by the Quarter or Year.

THE Subſcribers being determined to cloſe and put a final End to all their Affairs by the firſt Day of January next, they do now acquaint all thoſe indebted to them to diſcharge their Accounts immediately, or they will be ſued for.

EDWARD DAVIES, RICHARD WAYNE.

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